

Insomnia

If one can go to bed and sleep he has no cause to wail or weep, however large the load of care that he is called upon to bear. A good night's sleep should nerve the soul to put affliction in the hole. The man who rises from his bed, refreshed by sleep from heels to head, and yet confesses dotard fear of griefs and worries lurking near, is much too cheap to have around; he's dear at half a cent a pound. But if a fellow cannot snooze when he takes off his shirt and shoes, and soaks his false teeth in a pail, and hangs his whiskers on a nail, the fight's unequal from the first, and he is bound to draw the worst. He cannot fight with steady lance, he cannot look with dauntless glance upon the troubles of the day; he wants to shriek and run away. One fellow wins in all he tries, and captures ever offered prize, because when he retires to bed he sleeps eight hours, like some one dead. Another fails and draws a blank, and owes some money at the bank, because at night he seldom knows a solid hour of real repose.

WALT MASON.

MARYLAND WILL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT

Mr. Autoist, You Should Obtain Your New License Before Tomorrow Night.

S. G. Coale, deputy commissioner of motor vehicles, announced this afternoon that the office would be open January 1 for the distribution of 1916 Maryland automobile license tag and operators' permits. The office will be open daily at Room 32, 1110 F street northwest, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., including tomorrow.

Tuesday was a busy day at the deputy commissioner's, the inclement weather yesterday, however, causing a falling off in the rush for the new identification tags for automobiles.

Number 1 to 1,999 have been reserved by the office in Baltimore for automobile dealers of that city. Numbers 2,000 to 2,999 are being distributed for use on motor trucks, being termed "mercantile tags," while numbers 3,000 to 3,999 are being rapidly distributed among the owners of private cars throughout the State.

The numbers for the Washington office started with 40,000, so that District motorists can be recognized at a glance on the road by the tags over the 40,000 mark.

Deputy Commissioner Coale announces that all tags for the new year can be put in place on motor cars and used from now on. No grace will be allowed this year, and those who venture over the Maryland line after tomorrow night will find no chances of being arrested and fined before Maryland officials.

HENRY JOHNSON RESIGNS

Deputy U. S. Marshal Quits, After Eighteen Years' Service.

Henry Johnson, colored, who has been deputy United States marshal at the Police Court eighteen years, has tendered his resignation to Marshal Smith to take effect January 1. J. W. Burke, deputy in Criminal Court No. 2, will be transferred to the Police Court.

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Deputy Marshal Patrick P. Cudick, Marshal Spilane has appointed William T. Callahan of Easton, Md. Mr. Callahan is forty-five years old, and has been in business in the Maryland town. He was once a member of the Maryland legislature. Mr. Callahan will act as bailiff in Criminal Court No. 1.

To take the place of Deputy Burke in Criminal Court No. 2, the marshal will transfer J. H. Gray, a deputy from the Municipal Court, to the Police Court of Washington will be appointed to the vacancy in the corps of deputies at the Municipal Court.

Ruling Holds Only in Illinois.

The decision of the Illinois supreme court, denying the right of the federal reserve board, as unconstitutional, to authorize national banks under the reserve act to act as trustee, executor, administrator and registrar of stocks and bonds, is set forth by Milton C. E. Council, counsel for the board, has no significance beyond the borders of the state of Illinois. The decision will not affect the action of the board in its explanation. Also, the case will be submitted to the Supreme Court for a final analysis.

Harry Dahis Seeks Divorce.

Harry Dahis, employed at the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, has filed suit in the District Supreme Court for an absolute divorce from Clara Dahis. They were married in this city in 1906 and have two children. The husband charges that his wife deserted him in 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916, and has since then been living with a man named and a correspondent named, Attorney E. J. Gies appears for the husband.

Cited to Appear on Alimony Claim.

Justice McCoy has cited James E. Norris, a letter carrier, to show cause January 7 why he should not pay alimony to his wife, Octavia E. Norris. The order is based on a suit for maintenance filed by the wife. She says she was married October 5, 1903, and has no children. In October, 1914, she says, her husband entered into an agreement for her support, but did not live up to it, she asserts. Attorney A. W. Gray represents the wife.

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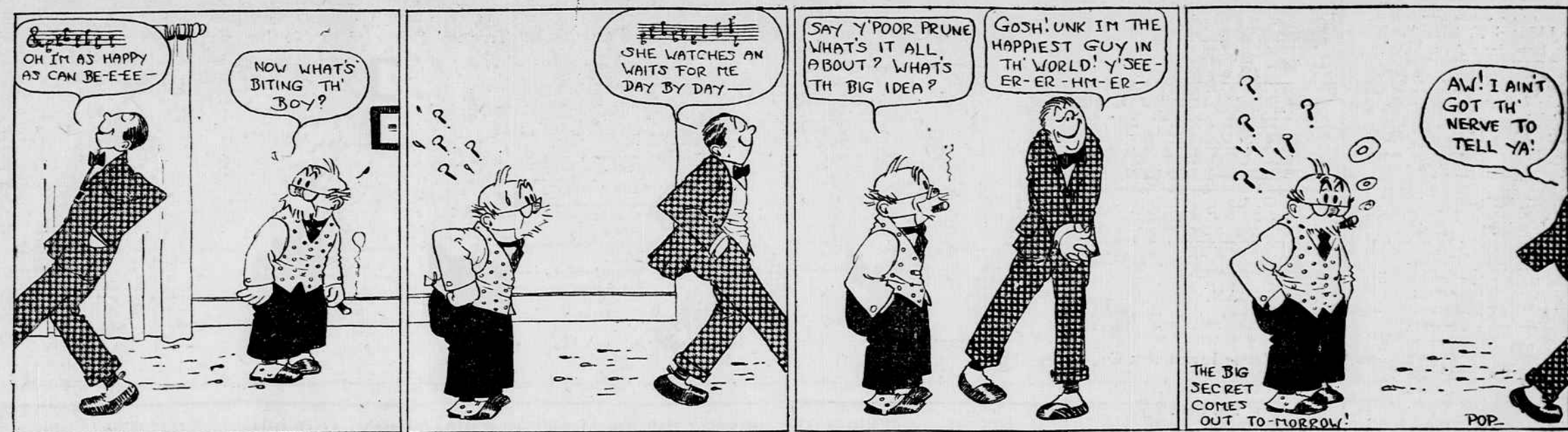
Found Between Railroad Tracks.

A colored man, giving his name as Mack Ridgley, was found between steam railroad tracks near New York Avenue bridge Tuesday night. He was taken to Providence Hospital, where he died shortly afterward. He told his name, but was unable to give his address. The colored man complained of suffering from an injury to his back. He was unable to explain how he sustained the injury, however, but did say he had been a sufferer from fits and that he had been treated at different hospitals. Coroner Nevitt will investigate Ridgley's death.

Making Survey of Smiths Creek.

To make surveys of Smiths Creek, a tributary of the Potomac, in lower St. Marys county, Md., the United States Army engineers service, Castle, with a surveying party aboard, has gone to that waterway. The object of the survey is to obtain data as to the cost of improving the waterway and to give the engineers an idea as to what is necessary to be done to make the creek navigable for larger vessels than now go in it.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Ethelbert's Got Pa Puzzled.



LEGAL FIGHT OVER TITLE IS DISMISSED BY COURT

Steel and Ordnance Company Sought Control of Riparian Rights on Ancoastia River.

Justice McCoy of the District Supreme Court yesterday rendered an opinion dismissing a suit brought by the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company against John L. Martin, Lindsey Garrison, Secretary of War, Henry L. Breckinridge, assistant secretary of war, and Dan C. Kingman, chief of engineers, U. S. A., to remove a cloud from the title to certain land abutting the eastern shore of the Ancoastia river. The land was formed from the dredging of the channel, and was leased by the War Department to Mr. Martin.

Counsel for the officials declared that the action of the steel company, which claimed riparian rights, was practically a suit against the United States, in which it had not been named as a party. The plaintiff company urged that it had riparian rights to the land formed, as it claimed, by accretion, and the War Department could not lease it to Martin.

Justice McCoy in his opinion said that title to the submerged land here involved and jurisdiction over the waters were in the United States under the Commerce clause, and remain there unless title has been divested in favor of the plaintiff. The court decided in favor of the plaintiff.

"A question of law," he concluded, "is raised on which the United States has the right to be heard before its title is held to be lost. The bill cannot be retained for relief against Martin alone, and is dismissed as to all the defendants, with costs."

DEATH RATE IN DISTRICT RATED UNUSUALLY HIGH

Report for Past Week Notes Prevalence of Diseases of Heart and Lungs.

Unusual prevalence of diseases of the heart and lungs caused 155 deaths in the District last week, an exceptionally high mortality for this period of the year, according to local health officials. Pneumonia and grip caused thirty-three deaths, as compared with twenty from the same causes during the preceding week, and diseases of the heart caused twenty-five deaths, as compared with twenty in the week previous.

Pneumonia is recognized as a germ disease, and many persons carry the germs in their throats without suffering any ill effects, it is stated. The germs grow only under favorable conditions caused by a lowering of the powers of resistance, physical exhaustion, excessive and improper eating and drinking.

For several years health officials here and all over the country have noted an increase in deaths from diseases of the heart, kidneys and arteries. It is believed that this increasing mortality is produced by the strenuous requirements of twentieth century life.

TO SHIELD PLATE PRINTING.

Local Union Indorses Resolution to Bar Foreign Encroachment.

The Plate Printers' Union, Chapter No. 2, indorses the so-called Halder resolution, favoring protection for the printing as an American industry that should be guarded against foreign encroachment, at a meeting Tuesday night, in Typographical Temple. The resolution was originally adopted at the convention of the union held in Philadelphia last July.

John J. Deviny was re-elected president of the chapter. Other officers chosen were: Vice president, A. H. Mills; recording secretary, Charles B. Cameron; financial secretary, F. S. Mitty; treasurer, D. A. Fulton; inspector, E. B. Brooks; inside guard, S. E. Smith; outside guard, C. G. Cleghorn; members of the executive committee, C. B. Raut, James H. Beck, P. J. Ryan, Chris Lehman, and Jesse Hicks; James A. Kehoe, Richard Grace and J. F. Hurd; delegates to Central Labor Union, R. S. Jones, Thomas J. McQuade, D. M. Haswell, E. O. Wood and P. J. McKenna; committee to revise constitution, C. T. Edwards, Beach, H. E. Alexander, C. T. Smith, C. B. Cameron and Louis Nichols.

Brother Dositheus Dead.

Thomas B. Sheehan, known among the Christian Brothers as Brother Dositheus, formerly of Washington, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, Tuesday. Brother Dositheus, who was of the Christian school, was recent prefect at Rock Hill College, Md. Funeral services were held at De Sales College, Annapolis, this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Delta Tau Delta Luncheon.

Representative Bonland of Missouri was one of those present at a luncheon given by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity in the grill of the Raleigh Hotel yesterday. About thirty persons were present. R. L. Matthews presided.

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MRS. P. V. PENNYBACKER TO VISIT WOMEN'S CLUBS

President General Will Address the Washington Federation January 4.

Plans for the entertainment of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, formed the principal topic of discussion at a meeting of the local federation at the New Ebbitt House yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Pennybacker is to address Washington clubwomen January 4 at Woodward & Lothrop's auditorium.

The desire was expressed yesterday to tender Mrs. Pennybacker a luncheon January 5. Whether or not this would be feasible, view of the short time existing in which arrangements could be made and in view of other engagements which Mrs. Pennybacker might have, those present did not know. A committee was appointed to take up the matter, and if satisfactory arrangements could be made for a luncheon, to have such a function. The committee consists of Mrs. A. C. Glavin, Mrs. E. H. Pitzer and Mrs. Josephine Jacobs, and the president ex-officio, Mrs. Court P. Wood.

Only Routine Business Considered.

Because of the fact that many of those present yesterday were desirous of attending the session of the Pan-American Congress and aged bodies in session at Richmond, Mo. Offenberger meeting was an unusually short one, and little other than routine business came before the federation.

Mrs. Josephine Arnold Rich, chairman of the committee on vital statistics, spoke briefly, and her auditors to assist in procuring better laws throughout the country for the registration of births and deaths. In only ten states, she said, were there adequate laws providing for the registration of births, while a similar condition existed in one-half the states as to the registration of deaths. It is Mrs. Rich's plan to have living here, to take particular interest in having laws passed in the states of their birth.

PIANO RECITAL IS GIVEN.

Miss S. Lillian Becker One of Feature Performers at Lieberman Studio.

Miss S. Lillian Becker, holder of The Evening Star scholarship, was one of the featured performers at a recital given at the studio of Miss Lella V. Lieberman, 1515 8th street northwest, Tuesday evening, for an invited audience of local musicians and friends. Miss Becker played the Bach-Liszt "Chromatic" Fantasia, a C major "Jazz" "The Fairies," Mendelssohn's "Scherzo" and Liszt's "Rhapsody No. 12." Other performers included Miss Irene Anderson, who played a sonata by Grieg, Liszt's "Rhapsody No. 13," Schumann's "Symphonies" and Liszt's "Consolation." Miss Shipman, an advanced pupil of Miss Lieberman, and Miss Lieberman herself, the program included several numbers which have not been played in Washington before.

LADIES WILL HAVE CHARGE.

Program to Be Presented at National Press Club This Evening.

There will be a "ladies' night" program given this evening at the National Press Club. Usually the club provides an entertainment for the ladies, but this time the ladies will have entire charge of the program. From them, and as a gift to the club, there will be presented a cathedral chime clock, in recognition of the courtesies extended to them during the year. Besides inviting women to the club for an evening once a month, the roof garden was at their disposal during the summer months.

The committee in charge of the entertainment tonight is composed of Mrs. Frank B. Lord, Mrs. H. C. Hallahan, Mrs. Theodore H. Tiller, Mrs. E. M. Hood and Mrs. R. M. MacLennan. A program of music will be given. There will be dancing by Miss May Plack, vocal selections by Gretchen Hood and Newton Hammett and James Hicks, violin solo by Carmel Erbortz, and impersonations by Leroy Glider and Arthur Pierce.

Raymond H. Phillips Back.

Raymond H. Phillips, the young Washingtonian who arrived in New York Tuesday from Great Britain, where he had enlisted in the British army, has returned to his home here, 1210 Girard street northwest. Young Phillips was released from army service after his father took up the matter with the State Department here.

GIVES AN OBJECT LESSON OF NEED OF NEW BUILDING

Attorney General Initiates Representative Clark Into Department of Justice Trail.

To go upstairs one first goes down stairs, and to go downstairs one proceeds upstairs, and to go to the next room requires a serpentine trail around and about in the labyrinth that is the home of the Department of Justice. Five or more buildings at 15th and K streets have been opened into one another with bridges and passages and stairways that form a devious and strange means of communication.

All this was shown to Representative Frank Clark, chairman of the House public buildings committee, by Attorney General Gregory, Representative Clark was a caller at the Department of Justice, and as he was about to depart the Attorney General grabbed his own hat, ran after him, took him in charge and proceeded to conduct him through the maze without the aid of a string, as one initiated guide who knew the way in and out and back again. It was an excellent exhibit to reinforce the appeal of Attorney General Gregory for a building for the Department of Justice.

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Washingtonians Honored.

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The final mortgage on the Eckington Presbyterian Church has been canceled and is to be burned at a special service to be held there tomorrow evening. Later in the evening an adjournment will be taken to the Sunday school house of the church, where a watch night service will be held.

Rev. Charles Wood, Judge Stanton J. Peelle, John Imirie and the pastor of Eckington Church are to deliver addresses during the meeting. James L. Hester will give a solo, and Rev. Dr. George S. Duncan will make the prayer of rededication.

The trustees of the church are W. A. Taylor, W. P. Richards, Sydney Falconer, Frank McChesney, S. C. Kenon, James A. Messer and J. E. Rockwell, while the debt fund committee consists of Messrs. W. P. Richards, James A. Messer, C. H. Mayers, William W. Tuckey and George Speidel.

Theta Pi Sorority Dance.

The annual Christmas dance of the Theta Pi Sorority of Eastern High School is to be held at Congress Hall Hotel this evening.

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